

--56. A method for neutralizing a protein, comprising the step of contacting a protein with a monoclonal antibody which binds to said protein, wherein said protein has the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, where Xaa represents methionine or threonine.

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--57. An antibody which is prepared by immunizing a mammal with a protein or an antigenic fragment thereof to produce an antibody that binds to said protein, and recovering said antibody from the mammal's blood, wherein said protein has the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, where Xaa represents methionine or threonine.

--58. An antibody comprising different monoclonal antibodies which recognize a protein having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, where Xaa represents methionine or threonine.--

REMARKS


The above amendments to the claims are being made to claim features of the invention as fully supported by the specification as originally filed in order to place the application in condition for examination.

Favorable consideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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